

All District Engineers

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Special Provision for Bridge Deck Construction

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research in response to the recommendations of the 1998 FHWA/IDOT Bridge Deck Construction Process Review. It has been revised based on the recommendations by the PCC Technical Working Group.

The cotton mat specifications have been moved from this special provision and are now covered in the BDE special provision "Curing and Protection of Concrete Construction".

It should be inserted into all conventional bridge deck construction projects. It does not apply to high performance concrete bridge decks.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 23, 2004 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include the paper copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 9, 2004.

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BRIDGE DECK CONSTRUCTION (BDE)

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Add the following to Article 503.03 of the Standard Specifications:

“(h) Fogging Equipment1103.17(k)”

Add the following after the first sentence of the second paragraph to Article 503.07 of the Standard Specifications:

“When placing Class BD concrete, the discharge end of the pump shall have attached an “S” shaped flexible or rigid conduit, a 90 degree elbow with a minimum of 3 m (10 ft) of flexible conduit placed parallel to the deck, or a similar configuration approved by the Engineer.”

Add the following after the second sentence of the ninth paragraph of Article 503.07 of the Standard Specifications:

“When consolidating concrete in bridge decks, the vibrator shall be vertically inserted into the concrete for 3 - 5 seconds, or for a period of time determined by the Engineer.”

Add the following after the first paragraph of Article 503.17 of the Standard Specifications:

“For the bridge deck pour, fogging equipment shall be in operation unless the evaporation rate is less than 0.5 kg/sq m/hour (0.1 lb/sq ft/hour) and the Engineer gives permission to turn off the equipment. The evaporation rate shall be determined according to the figure in the Portland Cement Association’s publication, “Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures” (refer to the section on plastic shrinkage cracking). The Contractor shall provide temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed measuring equipment.

The fogging equipment shall be adjusted to adequately cover the entire width of the pour.

If there is a delay of more than ten minutes during bridge deck placement, wet burlap shall be used to protect the concrete until operations resume.

Concrete placement operations shall be coordinated to limit the distance between the point of concrete placement and concrete covered with cotton mats for curing. The distance shall not exceed 10.5 m (35 ft). For bridge deck widths greater than 15 m (50 ft), the distance shall not exceed 7.5 m (25 ft).”

Add the following to the end of the first paragraph of Article 503.17(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“The concrete in these areas shall be struck off during the deck pour and excess material from the finishing machine shall not be incorporated.”

In the Coarse Aggregate Gradation table of Article 1004.01(c) of the Standard Specifications revise the percent passing the 12.5 mm (1/2 in.) sieve for gradation CA 7 to "45±15^{4/9}".

In the Coarse Aggregate Gradation table of Article 1004.01(c) of the Standard Specifications revise the percent passing the 12.5 mm (1/2 in.) sieve for gradation CA 11 to "45±15^{6/9}".

Add the following to the Coarse Aggregate Gradation table of the Standard Specifications:

"9/ When Class BD concrete is to be pumped, the coarse aggregate gradation shall have a minimum of 45 percent passing the 12.5 mm (1/2 in.) sieve. The Contractor may combine two or more coarse aggregate sizes, consisting of CA-7, CA-11, CA-13, CA-14, and CA-16, provided a CA-7 or CA-11 is included in the blend."

Revise Article 1020.05(d) of the Standard Specifications to read:

"(d) Class BD Concrete. The maximum mortar factor shall be 0.86."

Add the following to Article 1103.17 of the Standard Specifications:

"(k) Fogging Equipment. Fogging equipment shall consist of a mechanically operated, pressurized system using a triple headed nozzle or an equivalent nozzle. The fogging nozzle shall be capable of producing a fine fog mist that will increase the relative humidity of the air just above the fresh concrete surface without accumulating any water on the concrete. The fogging equipment shall be mounted behind the roller and pan of finishing machine or on a separate foot bridge. Controls shall be designed to vary the volume of water flow, be easily accessible and immediately shut off the water when in the off position. Hand held fogging equipment will not be allowed."